

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Such rule changes will very likely also mean higher cable rates for consumers. Since the deregulatory Telecommunications Act of 1996, cable rates have risen nearly three times as fast as inflation.